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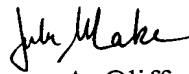
Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 13 are amended. These amendments are supported by the original specification and original claims 1, 2 and 13. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1 and 3-12 contain allowable subject matter, and that claims 2 and 13 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, claims 2 and 13 are amended herein to more clearly set forth the subject matter claimed therein. Accordingly, claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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